

INSTRUCTIONS.

to the Act of Parliament, 22nd and 23rd Victoria, Cap. 35, intituled "An Act to further amend the Law of Property, and to relieve Trustees."

IT IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Creditors or other Persons having any Debts, or Demands, against or upon the said FREDERICK HOPE Trustees, 'tote Lieutenant, serving on H.M.S. Princess Charlotte, at Hongkong, and arrived in Hongkong on 17th November, and Certificates of whose Will was granted Inspector of Seamen's Wills, on the 26th of 1874, pursuant to the Act of Parliament 22nd and 23rd Victoria, Cap. 11, (to

required to send in Particulars of their Debts, or Demands to the Executor as on or before the 1st day of May, 1875, expiration of which time the said Executor will proceed to distribute the Assets of the deceased among the Parties entitled thereunto, and to Close such of which he

or any part thereof, so distributed, he
not be liable to any Person or Persons of
Claim or Debt he shall not then have
notice. Dated this 10th day of December,
J. A. HALLETT.
7, St. Martin's Place,
Trafalgar Square,
London, W.C.

NOTICE.

AND AFTER MARCH 1st, 1875, the Dates of SAILING of the Company's ships from HONGKONG for SAN FRANCISCO via YOKOHAMA, will be the FIRST FIFTEENTH of each Month, until farther notice. When these Dates fall on SUNDAY, the

EDAY.
G. B. EMORY,
Acting Agent.
141 Hongkong, 23rd January, 1875.
HARMONIUM.
R SALE, an Alexandra "CHURCH
HARMONIUM" with 23 Stops, and an
Set of Vibrators.

Hongkong, 22nd January. 1875.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A DIVIDEND at the rate of 12 per cent.
per Annum or \$450 per Share, declared

be paid THIS DAY, will no payment at the
 HONG and SHANGHAI BANKING CORPO-
 RATION on and after SATURDAY, the 23rd
 inst. Shareholders are requested to apply
 to the Office of the Company for Warrants.
 By Order of the Board of Directors,
 AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
 General Agents.
 134 Hongkong, 21st January, 1875.

W. G. HALE & Co.,
Sargon,
581 16th September, 1873.

Notices to Consignees.

DESIGNERS of Cargo by the above
Steamer are hereby informed that their
Goods are being landed and stored at their risk
at the Godowns of the Undersigned, from
whence delivery may be obtained.
Shippers wishing to take their Goods from

Additional Cargo will be forwarded, unless to the contrary is given until 5 P.M. TO-
Goods remaining in store after the 14th inst.
are subject to Rent.
Bills of Lading will be Countersigned by
WM. PUSTAU & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1875.

INSIGNEEs of Cargo per British Barkua
 "Tamesa", Green, Master, from London,
 requested to take immediate delivery of
 Goods from alongside.
 Any impeding the discharge will be handed
 stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
 Goods of Lading will be countersigned by
 Wm. PUSTAU & Co.,

INSIGNIFER per Company's steamer
PRIAM are hereby notified that
cargo is being discharged into Craft, and
at the Godowns of the undersigned, in
cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The
will be ready for delivery from Craft or
on or after the 21st January 1875.

subject to Rent.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
126, Hongkong, 21st January, 1875.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

INSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

S. S. HYDASPES.

vessel, from Bombay and elsewhere, and in connection with the S. S. Mirra, from London, are hereby notified that Goods are being landed and stored at Risk in the Company's Godowns at West, whence delivery can be obtained from date.
 Goods not delivered by the 26th inst. will be put to Rent.
 Additional Cargo will be forwarded by the

be given before 3 P.M. TO-DAY,
A. McIVER,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 19th January, 1875.

S. S. TIGRE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at risks at the Company's Godowns, whence they may be obtained from TUESDAY, the 11th inst., at 10 A.M.

UNLADEN CARGO will be forwarded on, un-
derwritten, if received from the Consignees
before 10 A.M. on TUESDAY, the 11th inst.

Goods undamaged after THURSDAY, the 1st, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent and no charges.
 Fire Insurance has been effected.
C. BERTRAND,
Principal Agent.
 Hongkong, 17th January, 1875.

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PLAN OF VICTORIA, HONGKONG.

THE FOREIGN SETTLEMENTS OF SHANGHAI.

A Chromo-Lithograph Plate of the NEW CODE OF SIGNALS IN USE AT THE PEAK.

THE VARIOUS HOUSE FLAGS.

(Designed expressly for the Work.)

MAPS OF HONGKONG, JAPAN.

THE SILK WORK DISTRICTS.

THE ISLAND OF FORMOSA.

THE COAST OF CHINA.

NEW CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE.

HONGKONG.

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THE BOARD OF TRADE RETURNS OF THE IMPORTS OF BRITISH GOODS IN CHINA AND HONGKONG FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER LAST, EXHIBITING SOMEWHAT SIMILAR RESULTS TO THOSE OF ITS IMMEDIATE PREDECESSOR. THERE IS A SATISFACTORY INCREASE IN THE QUANTITIES OF MOST ARTICLES, BUT A DECLINE IN VALUE IS APPARENT. THERE WAS IMPORTED 980,900 lbs. of cotton yarn, compared with 932,400 lbs. in the corresponding month, showing an increase of 28,500 lbs.; while for the eleven months ended 30th November the comparison is—1874, 13,590,100 lbs.; 1875, 13,765,280 lbs., a balance in favour of the eleven months of 1874 of 8,328,820 lbs. In manufactured cotton goods there is also a fair increase apparent, though not so large as that on the material. Woollen stuffs show a considerable decline, the import for the month being 725,470 yards, against 812,680 yards in November, 1874; and for the eleven months the figures stand respectively—11,688,770 in 1874 compared with 14,277,380 in the preceding year, a falling-off of 2,588,610 yards. In the import of woollen and worsted cloths a similar decrease is likewise visible both in the month of November and the eleven months of 1874 ended on the 30th of that month. Lead has been in greatly increased demand, judging from the returns. In November, 1874, there were imported 16,837 tons, against 1,942 in the same month of 1873; and during the eleven months terminating with November last, year, 190,607 tons, compared with 72,938 tons in the corresponding period of 1873. Taken altogether, the returns are not unsatisfactory, though we should like to see the advance more general. Especially should we welcome a revival in the trade of this colony, which has for so long been in a semi-stagnant condition.

We notice in the columns of our evening contemporary a lengthy reference to the differences unfortunately existing between the Bishop of Hongkong and the Colonial Chaplain. It is greatly to be regretted that discussion on this question should have been thus opened so early, and before the Bishop's position has been defined. We have no doubt in our minds that the Bishop's position is one of great importance, and that his position is one of great importance, and that his position is one of great importance.

ATTEMPTED INSURRECTION IN KIANGLI.

The Governor of Kiangli reports an attempt at insurrection in the province to the Peking Government. From the reports received, it appears that a number of desperadoes have been captured, and that the insurrection has been suppressed.

SUPREME COURT.

January 22nd.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

BEFORE MR. JUSTICE SWINDELL.

OBTAINING GOODS UNDER FALSE PRETEXTS.

The case against Philip Davis, charged with obtaining goods under false pretences, was now resumed.

Mr. J. M. GUTHRIE, Sheriff, Arnold, St. Michael's, Guernsey, Driscoll, and Thompson.

The case was adjourned from Tuesday to Friday, the 24th inst., when it was resumed.

The defendant was now called to the witness box, and gave evidence.

His Lordship then summed up, and the jury returned a verdict of guilty.

The jury found the prisoner guilty, and sentenced him to imprisonment for six months.

The prisoner was then committed to the custody of the Sheriff.

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Extracts.

THE SWAN.

(From the *Swan of Norway*.)
From cloud with purple-sprinkled rim
A swan, in calm delight,
Sank down upon the river's brim,
And sang in June, one night,
Of Northern beauty was his song:
How glad their skies, their air,
How day forgot the whole long day,
To go to rest on there.
How shadows there both rich and deep
"North" hark and "Alder" fall;
What golden bowers of soft mist sweep,
How cool the billows all.
How fair it is, how passing fair,
To see these scenes from there!
How faithful is the home-bred there,
And thither yearns to wander.
When thus from wave to wave his note,
The simple notes of song,
Swift float on his fond heart's throat,
And thus, methought, he sang—
What more I thought of life's short dream
No tales the singing.
"You had then loved on earth's dawn stream,
And sang songs there in spring!"
—Speaker. E. H. PALMER.

WHOLESALE MATRIMONY IN THE EAST.

I ordered the slaves to wash, and issued clothes from the magazine for the naked women. On the following day I inspected the captives, and explained to them their exact position. These free people, and if their bonds were at a reasonable distance they should be returned. If not, they must make themselves generally useful, in return for which they would be fed and clothed. If any of the women wished to marry, there were many fine young men in the regiments who would marry them. I gave each a paper of freedom, signed by myself. This was contained in a hollow red and suspended round their necks. Their names, approximate age, sex, and country were registered in a book corresponding with the numbers on their papers. These arrangements occupied the whole morning. In the afternoon I again inspected them. Having asked the officer whether any of the negroes would wish to be married, he replied that all the women wished to marry, and that they had already selected their husbands! This was wholesale matrimony, that required a church as large as Westminster Abbey, and a whole company of clergy! Fortunately, matters are being arranged in Africa, and the living couples standing hand in hand. Some of the girls were pretty, and my black troops had shown good taste in their selection. Unfortunately, however, for the Egyptian regiments, the black ladies had a strong antipathy to brown men, and the suitors were all refused. This was a very awkward affair. The ladies having named their husbands, at once asserted "a woman's right." I was obliged to limit the matrimonial engagements, and those who were for a time condemned to single blessedness were placed in charge of certain officers to perform the cooking for the troops and other domestic work. I divided the boys into classes; some I gave to the English workmen to teach them the mechanics and blacksmith's work; others were apprenticed to tailors, shoemakers, &c. in the regiment, while the best looking were selected as domestic servants. A nice little girl, of about three years old, without parents, was taken care of by my wife. When slaves are distributed in large numbers there is always a difficulty in providing for them. We had this dilemma when our cruiser captures Arab chows on the east coast of Africa, and our Government becomes responsible for an influx of foundlings. It is generally quite impossible to return them to their own homes, therefore all that can be done is to instruct them in some useful work by which they can earn their livelihood. If the boys are their choice, they naturally desire a military life; and I believe it is the best school for any young savage, as he is at once placed under strict discipline, which teaches him habits of order and obedience. The girls, like those of other countries, prefer marriage to regular domestic work; nevertheless, if kindly treated, with a due amount of authority, they make fair servants for a rough employment. When female children are about five years old they are most esteemed by the slave-dealers, as they can be more easily taught, and they grow up with an attachment to their possessors, and in fact become members of the family. —*Templar*, by Sir Samuel Baker.

THE RIVERS DRIED UP.

The chief misery of a long-hot season—the want of water—is entirely unknown in Val Sui. Virovique, where the pure little streams rush over their clean granite beds with as much vivacity as if it had been winter in the upper hills. They are fed by springs in the upper hills, which never fail by the weather, and the consequence is a perennial refreshment of the valleys for several miles; but if you follow these babbling rivulets farther down, you observe the gradual loss of their early freshness and brightness, till finally they are absorbed in the river. The plain, and in the great loss by evaporation. Nothing, even in winter season, is dearer than the bed of some broad southern river after the torrid months have dried it. The Loire, amongst French rivers, most abounds in dreary scenes of this kind. For hundreds of miles you may follow broad tracts of burning sand, or hot white pebbles, through which the stream finds its way, though, often breaking into several different channels, of which not one is navigable; whilst the occasional trees along the banks are too far from the water to get the slightest benefit from it, and their foliage is burnt to the semblance of a premature autumn. The most important sufferer in such a time often comes to low water, and consists of nothing but a long series of stagnant pools, which infect them, with hot stones or baked mud bridges seem nothing but lines of useless arches built long ago for some forgotten purpose. Leaves wither, flowers fade, the pastures are scorched, and the corn is languid. Yet, even here, might the art of a true landscape-painter find motives, like that of the poet, in the very desolation of the persistent sunshine, which has its own melancholy like the gloom of the north, and, like it, cannot be borne without resignation. The starving herds resign themselves to a condition of nature, and the peasant, in a gloom, the peasant goes to the priest and asks them to pray for rain, or get-up some procession. At length, in some ancient city, the cathedral doors are opened wide, and out of the cool pleasant gloom within comes forth into the fierce heat of an August afternoon a mild breeze, all gleaming with gold and jewels, behind which a bright sun carried on its gilded shield, through which you may see the brown bones of a saint who died long ago, and a long procession winds slowly chanting about the quiet old streets. Then the evening comes with its soft twilight, and the night without a breath in the motionless air. The day draws near like yesterday, and the sun is as bright as yesterday. Will there ever be any change, or has the sea forgotten to send her clouds for the refreshment of the land? In the sea dry like the rivers? —*The Portfolio*.

Insurance.

CHINA AND JAPAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

NOTICE.

AFTER this date, a brokerage of thirty-three and one-third per cent. (33 1/3%) will be allowed by this Agency on risks to ports in CHINA, JAPAN, the PHILIPPINES, and the STRAITS.
On risks to all other ports, the brokerage will be ten per cent. (10%) only.
Wm. PUSTAU & Co., Agents.
131 Hongkong, 14th January, 1875.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

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951 Hongkong, 17th April, 1873.

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187, LEADENHALL STREET, LONDON.

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PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

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1855 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

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YANG-TSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

CAPITAL AND RESERVE £800,000 TABLES.

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